GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3377
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EXPANSION OF FLEET OF PAWAN HANS LTD.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited proposes to expand its fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the route on which the Pawan Hans Limited is operating its fleet now; and

(c) the new routes on which Pawan Hans proposes to operate its additional fleet?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- The proposal of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited(PHHL) forpurchasing of two medium-capacity helicopters is under consideration of the Government. The details of helicopter operations by PHHL under the aegis of various State Governments are as under:-

i) Government of Sikkim: Gangtok-Bagdogra-Gangtok sector

ii) Government of Meghalaya: Guwahati-Shillong-Tura sector

iii) Government of Arunachal Pradesh: Itanagar-Mohanbari-Passighat-Along-Roing sector

iv) Lakshadweep Islnads: Inter-island services.

v) One helicopter each has been provided to Government of Punjab and Government of Jharkhand.

vi) PHHL operates one helicopter on Jammu-Katra-Sanjichhat sector for the benefit of pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

PHHLhas also been providing helicopters to Oil & Natural Gas Commission(ONGC),Oil India, National Hydro Power Commission Gas Authority of India Limited and Hardy Exploration (Private Oil Company).

(c):- It is proposed to operate the new helicopters for the offshore tasks for ONGC at Mumbai.